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REMARKS

During a telephone interview conducted on October 10, 2003, Examiner Goldberg has indicated that claims 2-5 are now allowed and that claim 22 would also be allowed pending an interference search. Examiner Goldberg also indicated that any previously canceled claim drawn to a composition or a kit consisting of the sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 1 and 2 may be rejoined with the allowed claims.

In accordance with the foregoing amendment, claims 20 and 21 have been amended to specifically recite the "primer set consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1 and 2" and new claims 23-27 are added. Accordingly claims 2-5 and 22-27 are currently pending in the present Application.

The newly added claims 23-27 include all the limitations recited in previously canceled claims 1 and 15-18 and further recite a primer set consisting of the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2. No new matter is introduced by the present amendment, entry of which is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herewith, it is respectfully requested that all pending claims, claims 2-5 and 20-27, be allowed and that this application be passed to issue. In the event the Examiner is not persuaded as to the allowability of any claim, and it appears that any issues outstanding may be resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the phone number given below.

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